



# United States Army

## World Class Athlete Program

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### Army Athlete Profile: Major David Johnson



**Rifle Coach**

**Date of birth:**  
**May 29, 1964**

**Hometown:**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**

**Military Occupation:**  
**Infantry Officer**

**Military Rank:**  
**Major/O-4**

Maj. David Johnson, coach of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program shooters, will serve as rifle coach for Team USA in the 2004 Olympic Games Aug. 14 through 22 at Athens, Greece.

Maj. Johnson, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., has been a member of the U.S. National Rifle Team for 15 years. He competed in the 1992 Olympic Games at Barcelona, Spain, where he placed 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in air rifle and three-position shooting respectively. He has won five medals in World Cup competition and twice been selected as the U.S. quota slot winner. He also won a silver medal in prone at the 1999 National Championships and a silver medal in air rifle at the 2000 National Championships.

An infantry officer, Maj. Johnson entered the Army in April 1985. He graduated from the Infantry Officer's Basic Course in February 1987 and completed Jungle School in August 1987.

Maj. Johnson says he joined the Army "because my father was in the military and I wanted to serve also. The World Class Athlete Program is important to me because I will be able to represent the USA in the Olympic Games as a coach."

In 2000, after leaving active duty and joining the Army Reserves, he took the job as rifle coach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and led the Nanooks to three individual and two team NCAA championships. He began shooting in 1972 at Langley Junior Rifle Club in Virginia. A 1982 graduate of Hampton High School, he has a bachelor's degree in finance from West Virginia University.

When Maj. Johnson is not coaching, training or practicing, he enjoys reading and home remodeling.

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